

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, October 9 has been designated to recognition of the achievements of Leif Erickson; and

WHEREAS, this great discoverer and explorer has only in recent years been recognized as one of the greatest navigators and discoverers of all time; and

WHEREAS, there is evidence to show he was the first European to discover this great Western Hemisphere; and

WHEREAS, his courageous pioneering instincts were stamped indelibly on the character and activities of his Nordic posterity, inspiring them also to brave the uncertainties and dangers of uncharted lands and far frontiers; and

WHEREAS, these brave and hardy Norse descendants of a brave and hardy forebear have peopled the heart of a continent, have helped push the boundaries of western civilization back across the last frontier, and implanted their aggressive instincts and culture on a continent once destined to change the history and shape the destinies of freedom-loving men for generations yet to come;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Sigurd Anderson, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim Saturday, October 9, 1934, as

LEIF ERICKSON DAY

in South Dakota and do urge the State Department of Public Instruction, all of the schools, and all other educational, patriotic and cultural organizations of South Dakota to properly observe this day with fitting programs and exercises, to the end of perpetuating the memory of a great discoverer and recognizing the contribution of Scandinavian culture to the Western Hemisphere.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota to be affixed this 4th day of October, 1934.

ATTEST:

Consolidated-October-
Secretary of State

.. Sigurd Anderson-
Governor

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